Comic Opera Must Now Be Better Than It Twed to Be or We Won't Accept It The Character of the Current German Comedy The tunes to which new doggerel is sung in the vaudevilles are usually paraphrases of old airs. The example was set by David Braham airs. The example was set of David Branch long ago in making music for Edward Harri-gan's songs. The notes of "Johanna Lives in Harlem" were scarcely altered from "The Last Rose of Summer," and the still remem-Last Rose of Summer, and the still remem-bered jingle of "The Isle of Blackwell" was "Villikens and His Dinah" over again. The once popular war bailed, "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys Are Marching," had a tune which musical plagiarists never tired of using, and, with slight changes in notes and rhymth, it has served the purpose of many songs, notably that of "Down on the Farm." This sort of adapting has been prac-tised with particular industry of late, and hardly one of the current ballads in the variety shows has really original melody. "I Cannot Sing the Old Songs," which Aimee sang with a livelier movement to the ditty of "Pretty as a Picture," has lately been made to do service once more, and the rousing air of the "The Irish Minstrel" has been devoted to a patter song. In some cases one air is appropriated for the verse and another for the chorus. These the verse and another for the chorus. These seizures of time-honored tunes sometimes seem almost sacrilegious, as in the case of the popular parody of "Just Tell Them That You Saw Me," for the chorus of which the stirringly marcial strains of "Marching Through Georgia" are degraded to a verse teiling of the discovery by an eater at a chean restaurant of a single oyster in a stew, whereanon the oyster is made to declare, to the inspiring air of the war song:
"Don't tell them that you saw me, or I will less my job."

and then the orster wiped away a tear;
"I've served in fifty seven stews since 18 o'clock to For I in the only oyster working here."

A demand for something different from and better than the "comic operas," once easily suc-cessful, has arisen here in New York, and those who have entertainment to sell of the kind wanted are prosperous in our theatres. While it is true that such comedians as Francis Wilson and De Wolf Hopper, firmly grounded in popularity, have done well this season with "Half a King" and "El Capitan," in which no far departures are made from the fuuny toolishness of the last decade in that particular line of stage diversion, it is doubtful if either piece could have lived beyond a trial week if a Wilson or a Hopper had not been in it. The first breakaway from "comic opera," as we had known it, was made in the "reviews" at the Casino, and this was not, of course, in the direction of improved taste, since those shows were merely clever blends of burlesque, extravaganza, and vaudeville. But with "The treisha" and "Lost, Strayed, or Stolen" there are rises from the lew piane of musical hodge-podge. Each in its different way has coherence of story, wit, and humor, without alang, and music rightly belonging to the text. The fallure of "The Caliph" illustrated the fact that we are no longer to be pleased with the rough-and-tumble shows which once delighted many of us, and the success of "Brian Boru" at the same theatre-proves that romanticism is a desirable element in a musical play. The melodramatic experiment in this field with "In Mexico" did not fait through had design, but through bad execution. It had been written so conventionally that refined audiences could not like it, try as they might. But neither its authors nor anybody else with a plan of elevating "comic opera" should be discouraged from going right ahead. Wilson or a Hopper had not been in it. The

The play "His Late Wife" is by no means an unskilful German use of material that has been hitherto the exclusive property of French farcical writers, and it treats the old-time incidents with considerable lightness of touch. The actors at the Irving Place Theatre were not in the least adapted to the performance of the piece, which required a delicacy of style which they failed to bring it on the opening night. So it was easy to say that the farce itself was heavy, when in reality only the actors made it seem so. German pronunciation of French names is enough in Itself to destroy the atmosphere of a play supposed to have its scenes laid in Paris. American actors would have preserved very much better the spirit of the original, which is a sprightly warming over of old material that increases in interest until the last act, which is more amusing than either of its predecessors. Some of the situations are new, and one in the first act is a good indication of the style of the piece. A young woman has come to take luncheon in his rooms with a man who does not know that she is the divorced wife of his stepfather. She is also ignorant of his identity. The breakfast is interrupted by the arrival of a family party, which includes, of course, the stepfather and the young man's mother. The "widow" hurries into an adjoining room, and her skirt is caught in the door as it closes. The old man, not knowing, of course, that his first wife is concealed in the room, is tremendously interested in hiding the evidence of his son's dissipation. So he moves a chair up to the door and site on it, and only when the guests are out of the room is he willing to leave his post. Once, as they are heard approaching, he has not time to put back the chair into its piace, so he cuts off the tell-tale piece of silk. He acadentally takes it out of his pocket after a while, and he is embarrassed at the necessity of explaining where it came from, and which leads to a diminution of his income. His wife disciplines him by compelling an addition of \$100 a year to her income every time he is discovered in an intrigue. This process has gradually left him so little a year to live on that he is really the pensioner and dependent on his wife's bounty. One rather fresh place of charactercloses. The old man, not knowing, of

in an intrigue. This process has gradually left him so little a year to live on that he is really the pensioner and dependent on his wife's bounty. One rather fresh piece of characterization—or was it the admirable acting of its interpreter has made it dominant—was that of an imperiment and assertive man servant who regarded himself as the centre of every stuation which ance, and treated all the complications into which his employers got from his own personal point of view.

"His Late Wife" would succeed well in English provided that the adapter transferred the work without bringing slong some of its elements. One that would be rather trying to our andlences is the Intrigue that commences between the young man and his stepfather's divorced wife. It does not progress, and their relation is terminated shortly after the play commences. But the suggestion is not pleasant, slight as it is. European audiences and playwights seem to regard such a situation less equanticity than we do here, where no-hody who writes for the stage would think of starting a farce from such a beginning as a love affair between a voiling man and his atepfation is bad anywhere, and here its effect would be fail probably to the success of the piece. There is where, and here its effect would be fatal probably to the success of the piece. There is scarcery a play to be recalled that has ever achieved popularity with these elements in it. Otherwise the morality of "His Late Wife" is quite unobjectionable, viewed in comparison with other French farces of its kind. So long as they offend only by suggestion and implication they may be looked upon as quite innocuous in their way.

"AIDA" REPEATED.

Disappointment at the Academy of Munic-The Performance Lags.

The audience that assembled at the Academy last night was exceedingly surprised and not at all well pleased to find that "Alda" was upon the boards instead of "Traviata." Those whose curiosity led them to inquire the reas n of the change were informed by the employees of the theatre that "the dresses didn't ome-or something." Whatever may have been the cause it is most unfortunate that Mr. Manleson should have broken faith with the public at such an early date in his season. Substitutions of old and backneyed works for oftenpromised new ones used to be quite frequent and termenting during these ancient days when there was but one opera and one impresario for all New York. But since then the public has been taught that it might confidently rely on the promises of managers, and therefore a worse policy than this, which gives the same performance three times in the opening work, can scarcely he imagined. If the management was not prepared to give ." Traviata" on the second night, why was the opera announced? Every one apparently ready and willing, on was apparently ready and willing, on the first sught, to lend such help as friendliness to an old extrant of the public could bring and the above progress of the public could bring and the above progress of the progress of the real the same quite out of proportion to the real title. Incit of the performance, as was discovered as inght by a critical survey of the above progress of the progress of of the verge of a predaction of the of the a flary have feit the temper of the see, which was decidedly one of sulky disapone, there were many empty seats. The one and

only thing that showed improvement over the first night was the dance of the negroes, but the charm of this piquant bit, which when properly done affords the sole touch of lightness and humor in the entire opera, is lost when women, and full-grown ones at that, try to be grotesque. They cannot use the necessary quickness, nor can their movements be the adequate ones. It is a pity not to make use of an opportunity as effective as this dance becomes when rightly handled.

If Mapleson proposes to give but one opera during the three evenings of a week, criticism can have a broad sweep, with pienty of leisure to discuss details and to make suggestions.

"Aida" will be given on Friday evening.

A FIRE UNDER THE HORSE. Butcher Bloch's Cruel Cure for Balking

Costs Him S10. Arthur Bloch, a 28-year-old butcher, and his elder brother, who are in business at 50 Richmond street, Newark, drove into Jersey City yesterday morning and bought a big load of beef for Saturday's trade. A strong chestnut horse was hitched to their wagon, but when the horse reached the fout of the steep hill on New ark avenue it came to a standstill, and the brothers were compelled to appeal to a passing truck driver for aid in getting up the hill. The went up the hill as far as Pallsade and Newark

truck was hitched to the butcher wagon and went up the hill as far as Palisade and Newark avenues, which is within a block of the top, and there unlitched again, as the truck driver was bound in another direction.

After the truck left, Arthur Bloch repeatedly lashed the horse, but was unable to make the animal move. The load was too heavy and the animal balked. A crowd gathered around and watched Bloch ply the whin unavailingly. Bloch stopped beating the horse aizer a while, and held a consultation with his brother.

"Build a fire under him," the crowd heard one of the brothers say, and then the driver of the wagon jumped from his seat and collected a let of waste paper from an ash barrel near by. He piled the paper under the horse and applied a match. When the paper and held it under the horse's ness. The flames frightened the animal and it sprang forward in terror and dragged the wagon about half a block up hill.

The strain was too great, however, and though wildly excited the horse came to a standstill again in the middle of the block, unable to drag the heavy load further. Nobody in the crowd had ever seen any such method tried of making an overloaded horse go, and some of the men ran up the street and brought Policeman Hamsey, and indignantly protested against the cruel treatment of the horse. The policeman at once arrested Bloch. The horse was unhitched and taken to a stable in Oakland avenue. It went ahead willingly enough as soon as it was released from the wagon.

When the prisoner was arraigned before Justice Maes he said that his brother had told him to build the fire under the horse. He policeman at once arrested Bloch. The horse was unhitched and taken to a stable in Oakland avenue. It went ahead willingly enough as soon as it was released from the wagon.

When the prisoner was arraigned before Justice Maes he said that his brother bod him that that was well-known device adopted in the country to cure balky horses of their obstinacy. The brother promptly denied that he had given any such advice.

again."

The Bloch brothers sent word to Bender Brothers of First and Brunswick streets, of whom they had bought the load of beef, and one of the firm came to court and lent Block the money to pay the fine.

FOR A DAY OF PRAYER.

A Call from the Evangelical Alliance to the Clergy of the Country. The Evangelical Alliance for the United States has addressed a letter to the clergy of the country, in which it says:

"In view of the perplexities, difficulties, and dangers which characterize these closing years of the century it is recommended that the pas-tors of the several churches in each community come together Tuesday, Nov. 17, and spend the day in prayer and conference, in preparation for the winter's work."

The day is to be designated a "quiet day." It has long been an institution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, but has not hitherto been

Episcopal Church, but has not hitherto been observed by other Protestant donominations. The letter says:

"The present is preëminently a period of transition, and as such is characterized by a spirit of unrest, uncertainty, and anxiety. Such periods are crowded with great perils, and no less with great opportunities. The century now drawing to a close, and especially the latter half of it, has witnessed innovations in the industrial world which have wrought a revolution in the physical life of the nation, and are having a profound and far-reaching influence on the nation's social, moral, and spiritual life.

**A great spiritual awakening would dissipate doubt, would kindle enthusiasm, would open our eyes to the providential significance of changed conditions, would make us quick to discern the teachings of the Spirit concerning new secial obligations, would make us quick to discern the teachings of the Spirit concerning new secial obligations, would make us quick to discern the teachings of the Spirit concerning from the bondage of materialism, and, more closely uniting in the bonds of inrigitan fellowship, would prepare us for that large cooperation demanded by the magnitude of the redemptive work which awaits us and makes us and our churches live more abundantly."

NO LIGHT ON ANDRUS'S DEATH. Coroner Miles Abandons His Theory-

Coroner Miles of Yonkers signified his abandonment of the line of inquiry he had been following in the Andrus case by releasing yesterday the MacLeod boy, who had been beld in custody as a witness. The Coroner acknowledged that his purpose in keeping the boy under guard was to prevent reporters from questioning him. After the boy's discharge yesterday it was learned that his testimony consisted simply of statements that he had been sent to Washburn's store by Hiram and William Andrus, son and nephew of Hamlin J. Andrus. and had purchased certain batteries and wires, all of which have been accounted for aside from the wires supposed to have been connected with the bomb. The boy also said that he had seen the two cousins stringing the bell

wires in the celiar.

Arthur J. Burns, a Yonkers lawyer, said yeaterday that Mr. Andrus had shown his interest in the big safe being put up in the new Citizens' National Bank building by taking photographs of its interior from various noints of view. John H. Keeler, cashier of the bank, said, that Mr. Andrus had never talked with him of any plan for making safes burglar proof by means of bombs.

Coroner Miles made.

bombs.

Coroner Miles made an experiment yesterday with an imitation bomb and a set of wires set up by himself and Alderman Nugent, the electrician. The purpose of the experiment was to show that a bomb might be exploded by means of four dry cells, or even by one. Only one was used in the experiment, and it exploded a heavy brass detonator and blew it into bits. The Coroner as d the inquest would undoubtedly be addourned to-day. journed to day.

The will of if. J. Andrus was flied for probate resterday. The value of his property was set at \$60,000.

Figshing Children Must Read Hawthorne

FLUSHING, L. I., Oct. 28.—The book on American literature by Julian Hawthorne and Leonard Lemon, against the use of which in the High School here there has been some protest, will be continued in use in the academy, for the present term at least.

Lawyer Hebard of Flushing appeared before the Board of Education at the last regular meeting and made an address, in which he said the book poisoned the minds of the children of Finshing against the geniuses of the North and boomed Southern writers, many of whom were unknown. He said the volume was rank in its sectionalism. He begged the Board to discon-tinue its use in the school. The matter was re-ferred to a committee, and last night that comleast, as it was not considered advisable to make a change in text books in the middle of a school

Mr. Burden Leases the Country Home o the Aspinwalls at Barrytown.

Poughkeepsie, Oct. 28 .- "Messina," the handsome country home of the Aspinwalls at Barrytown, has been leased to Mr. Burden whose marriage to Miss Sioan a year or so ago was such a great social event. Mrs. Burden is a relative of the Vanderbilts, and her choice of a relative of the Vanderbilts, and her choice of "Messina" as a country home is taken to indicate a general movement by the Vanderbilts to the middle Hudson district. Mr. Fred Vanderbilt is already building at Hyde Park a magnificent country home, which will be completed in 189s. Mr. Vanderbilt has as neighbors the Mortons. Newbolds, Mills, Dinsmores, and Rogers. Mrs. Borden will be in the neighbor-hood of the country homes of the Astors. Chanlers. Livingstons, and fives. The Burdens will take possession of Messina on Jan. 1, and have, it is said, an option on the property for one year.

Kelly's Escape from Jall.

John Kelly, 9 years old, who, with Richard Dumpling, same age, escaped from the almshouse at Spake Hill on Tuesday, was picked up in Hoboken yesterday. The boy's mother and amalier brother, who formerly lived at 52% Clinton street, Hoboken, are also in the poorhouse. Johnnie nald that he ran away because a man at the almshouse had lift him with a stick when he was late in attending prayer. He was sett back to the almshouse. The Dumpling boy who escaped with Johnnie has not been found.

MR. ASTOR'S NEW BUILDING.

FOURTEEN-STORY OFFICE STRUC-TURE IN LOWER BROADWAY.

Will Replace the Old Five-story Building at the Corner of Exchange Piace, and Will Cost, as Estimated, About \$1,500. 900 - Construction to Begin in April. This is a picture of the new office building which Mesers, Clark and Russell, architects,

down to New street. The construction of the new building will begin immediately after the present building is vacated on April 30 next. The new building will have a frontage of 124.11 feet on Broadway, 135.2 feet on Exchange piace, 130 feet on New street, and 159.10 feet on the south line from Broadway to New street. on the south line from Broadway to New street. The property was bought by John Jacob Astor, the father of the present owner, on Feb. 1, 1883, from the New York Guaranty and indemnity Company for \$1,000,000, and as it covers an area of 18,808,6 square feet, it cost \$33,17 per square foot. In the last two years property in



have designed for William Waldorf Astor to

known as Exchange Court, on the corner of Broadway and Exchange place, and running who does all the building will cast \$1,500,000. It will be constructed under the supervision of John Downey, who does all the building work for the Asters.

PECKHAM-CORNING.

The Daughter of Erastus Corning Weds the Son of Justice Peckham.

ALBANY, Oct. 28 .- At noon to-day, in All Saints' Cathedral, Miss Harriet Weld Corning, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erastus Corning. was married to Mr. Rufus Wheeler Peckham, Jr., second son of Justice Peckham of the United States Supreme Court, the Right Rev. Bishop William Croswell Doane officiating, assisted by Dean Wilford L. Robbins. The wedding was marked with the most extreme simplicity. The ushers who led the bridal proces-sion were the bride's brother, Mr. Parker Corning, and her cousins, Col. Selden E. Marvin, Mr. Amasa J. Parker, Jr., and Mr. Lewis Rath-

Mr. Amass J. Parker, Jr., and Mr. Lewis Rathbone Parker. The bride had chosen for her maid of honor and only attendant her bosom friend, Miss Mabel Whitney, who has just returned from abroad.

The bride entered the church on her father's arm. Her gown was of heavy white satin, the skirt severely plain and the corsage embroidered with pearls. The groom was at the alrasteps, attended by his best man, Dr. Frederick Cox of this city. A wedding breakfast was served after the ceremony at the Corning residence, and a small reception was held. Mr. and Mrs. Peckham left here on an early attendant train, and will reside in New York city after returning from the wedding tour.

Among the gueste at the church were Justice and Mrs. Rufus H. Peckham Co., and Mrs. William Gorham Rice, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pierpont Morgan of New York city, Mrs. Levi P. Morton and the Misses Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Goodhue Livingston of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Goodhue Terry Gardiner of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Goodhue Terry Gardiner of New York, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mrs. William Croswell Doane, and the families of the immediate relatives.

A brilliant wedding was solemnized on Tuesday evening in the Bergen Reformed Church, Jersey City Heights. The bride was Miss Margaret Sip Throckmorton and the groom Elias Hewitt Sisson, Jr., of Tenadly. As it was a pink-and-white wedding the church was decorated with pink and white chrysauthenums. The usbers were Dr. Walter Wilkinson, Mahlon Appar, John J. Toffey, Jr., John Zelley, and William Norris. The bridesolaids were Misses Grace Toffey, Florence Hovey, Mand Brett, and May Sisson. Eina Toffey officiated as flower girl. As the bride walked up the able leaning on the arm of her uncle, Col. John J. Toffey, Prof. Louis R. Dressler played the weding march from "Lobengrin." She was attend-i by the maid of honor, Miss Alice Grandin brockmorton, her sister. The bride were an Throog morton, her sister—the broke ware an iterory white sating own en train, trimmed with duchease lace and orange blossoms. She rarried a bouquet of illies of the valley. The flex Dr. Brett performed the ceremony according to the ritual of the Episconal Charch. A reception was held at the residence of Col. Toffer.

ORANGE, N. J., Oct. 28. - In the North Orange Bantist Church to-night Miss Ida Claire Lehman, daughter of Mr and Mrs, John Johman, was married to Frederick Codey by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Dr. James Taylor Dickinson. The ushers were: Morton T. Brewster Bidgefield Park, N. J.: Edwin Beach and ege E. Melendy of Orange, and Henry C

W. ams of Fast Orange, Following were the bridesmaids. Miss Helie tohalit, Miss Etta M. Drayton, Miss Etta M. Drayton, Miss Etta M. Drayton, Miss Etta M. Drayton, Miss Etmite Holmes, and Miss brace W. Milford, all of Orange. The maid of home, Miss Helen C. Codey, twin sister of the bride-groom, walked by herself immediately in front of the bride who leaned on the arm of her father. The best man was William H. Codey, a brother of the bridegroom.

The bride wore a gown of livery white satin, en train, trimmed with chiffon and duchesse lace. Her veil was caught up with lilles of the valley and she carried a shower bouquet of white carnations and madden har ferns. Her only ornament was an amethyst brooch surrounded with pearls, the gift of the bridegroom.

bridegroom.

Yesterday afternoon, at the home of Major and Mrs. James Monroe Taylor, 47 Avenue C. Bayonne, Miss Elizabeth Norton Taylor, their daughter, was married to Gilbert Terbell Galent Spring Valley, N. Y., a son of tormer Councilman George H. Gale of Bayonne. Mes Flor man George H. Gale of Bayonne. Mas Florence B. Taylor, a sister of the bride, was the
bridesmald. The best man was Robert Relylile
of Trenton. The Rev. Henry W. F. Jones, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Bergen
Point, performed the ceremony, being assisted
by the Rev. George F. Wisson, passor of the
Arch Street Presbyterian Church at Philageiphia an uncle of the bride. Six girl friends attired in white and carrying large bouquets of
white chrysantiennums preceded the bride, who
were her mother's wedding gown. White chrysanthemums formed the greater portion of the wore her mother's wedding gown. White enrys.

Ranken Smith,

CLEVELAND, Oct. 28 - Mrs. Cora Gabrielle Smith and Fred M. Hanken of New York were married at the residence of Mrs. N. Coe Stewart here last night. Mrs. Ranken was formerly the wife of Reaumont Smith, an actor, from whom she was divorced a year ago. She at one time played as Medjeska scatting lady, and was also a member of Booth and Barrett's company, Mr. Ranken is a woollen merchant of New Vorker.

William R. Searles of Mt. Kisco, and Iretta, daughter of Mrs. Esther A. Tompkins of West somers. Westchester county, were married at the home of the bride's mother last night. The ceremony was that of the Society of Friends. Fort Warden Febert B. Miller of this rity was best man, and the maid of konor was Miss Ada Van Busgirs, also of New York.

Stoddard-Brown.

New Loxnes, Conn., Oct. 28, - A pretty home of the Yale boat crew at Gales Ferry, the resis dence of Postmaster and Mrs. Latham Brown, The contracting parties were Miss Fine M. Brown, a damptier of the Postmaster, and War-ren Stoddard. The coremony was performed by the Hev. John Quincy Adams of the Methodist Church.

BUFFALO, Oct. 28. Mrs. Fred Gardner of Checktowaga, a suburb of this city, gave birth to four children last night, three girs weigh-ing six pounds each and one boy weighing four pounds. All are doing well, Some some ago Mrs. Gardner gave birth to twins.

HON'T GO WITH HER MOTHER. Little Iole Agrati Prefers Staying Here with Her Aunt to Going Abroad.

There was an affecting contest before Justice MacLean of the Supreme Court yesterday over the possession of Iole Agrati, a pretty Italian girl. About eight years ago her mother, Ludowica G. Agrati, permitted the girl to live with her sunt, Amelia Cupplo, at 311 West Fortysixth street. There was no regular adoption of the girl, but the aunt, who is a sister of lole's father, who died four years ago, claims that the parents relinquished all claim upon the child. Mrs. Cupplo has had the girl carefully educated, cartionless in maste.

Mrs. Cupplo has had the girl carefully educated, particularly in music.

Recently Mrs. Agrati, who has brothers in Milan, decided to like abroad, and she intended to take ner daughter with her. She had engaged passace for Saturilay, but also has been unable to get her daughter from Mrs. Cupplo. The mother then employed a lawyer, who had the child brought into court resterday on a writ of nabeas corpus directed against the aunt. Islessaid that while she loved her mother and did not want to be disobedient, she would much prefer to remain in this country. The mother said that the child was her greatest comfort in life, and that she would be lest to her if she went alroad without her. She said that her brothers were able to give the child every luxiny. The mother kissed her daughter passionately, and although the girl returned the kis-es and also kissed her two little brothers who were in court, she said she could not go away.

The Justice said that he would reserve decision, leaving the girl in the custody of the mother until to-day.

TICKET AGENT MISSING. An Elevated Railway Employee Disappears

J. H. McCabe, the night ticket agent at the

Eighty-fourth street station of the Third avenue elevated road, disappeared early Tuesday morning, taking with him the day's receipts. amounting to \$450. McCabe is 25 years old and is said to have a wife and two children. The last address the company had from him was Suburban street, Bedford Park. McCabe entered the employ of the company

in February, 1894. His salary was \$2 a day, and he was regarded as a thoroughly trustworthy man. His hours were from 7 o'clock in the telling the ticket chopper to look out for him for a while. When the licket chopper tried to make change for a low-enger a few minutes rater, he couldn't find any money, and anspecting what het had so worden he rothed the company by telegraph. Nothing has been seen or heard of McCa we since. The company will not less the money, as the Effelity and Casualty Company was on the man's bond.

The Massachusetts's Men Make Quick Time in Rescuing Him

The battle ship Massachusetts, which has just indergone an official test of her capabilities. chor in the bay off Tompkinsville. Capt. Rodg-She was two days at een working her guns and drilling her crew. Her thirteen-inch guns, fired at an elevation of fifteen degrees, hurled pro-Jentiles ten miles.

There was an accidental test on Thursday of the efficiency of the crew in the "man overboard" drill. Landsman Sheeban was sitting on a life rope around the superstructure on the on a life rope around the superstructure on the starboard side, when a blue lacket playfully pressed his foot on the rope. Sheehan was knocked into the sea Instantity there was the cry of "man overbeard!" The ship was making thereon these. While her engines were being reversed life buoys were thrown to Sheehan, and a heat's crew manued the whale beat and swung it out on the daylt. bent and swittle it out on the daylis.

Sheetan swam out from the ship to escape
being drawn into the probellers by the wave at
replacement. Within two minutes and forty
seronds after Sheehan fell from the ship be was

MRS. KNIPPER IS DEAD.

She Was Supposed to He Bend Last Week, but She Railled and Read Her Oblinary. POST JERVIS, Oct. 28. Mrs. Mary T. Enipper, wife of Herman Knipper, Lackawaren, Pa., who apparently died last week, and afterward recovered consciousness and read her own obitary in the papers, is now idead for sure. She presed away pesterday, and her body has been embalined. She had repeatedly told her husband that she would alle during her fillness of the last eight months, and when, a few days ago, Mr. Kuitper saw her breathe her last, as he supposed, he telegraphed his wifes brother. James Torney of New York city, saying "Mary is dead," and Mr. Torney bastened to Lackawaxen and was surprised to find his sister alive. The prised who had prepared the funeral sermon was notified that he need not come to the funeral, as Mrs. knupper was not dead. The funeral will now lake place. Father Treis of Matamaras will officiate, and the sermon prepared a week ago will no doubt be used on this passed away sesterday, and her body has been ed a week ago will no doubt be used on this

A report was circulated throughout the wholesaledry goods district sesterday to the effect that E. Bidley & Sons of Grand street would remove their business to Sixth avenue, near Seventeenth street. Inquiry of the firm elicited Reventeenth street. Injury of the firm elicited the information that, although the subject of transferring the business up fown had been frequently discussed of late, it was deemed inadvisable to remove just at the present. A representative of the from said that agents for a new building as sixth accuse and Nineteenth street had made by there repaiding a lease of the moperty, but that F. Linder A Sams decided not to these the transaction. It is admitted though, that is one or in the the matural conditions were removed to the transaction of the said street location must suggest the wisdom of allouing an up-townsite.

The Fayerweather Will Case Postponed. ALBANY, Oct. 28. The appeal in the Fayer-weather will case, which was to have come up in the Court of Appeals to-day, was by consent of counsel postponed until Nev. 30.

OLD HUMORISTS OF THE 'PHONE. The Telephone Wags in New York Have

When telephones were originally introduced in New York city the "Hallo" was heard, perhaps, a good deal oftener than it is now, and the delays in securing connections were greater than they are now. From the beginning women have been employed at the central offices, and many jocose but inconsiderate subscribers at first fell into the custom of conversing with the 'Central girls," as they were called, on topics disconnected with the telephone business, a condition of affairs made possible by the numerous and often vexatious delays which existed at that time in making connections be tween two telephone points.

There is in every community a considerable and unnecessarily large class of men who esteem themselves " born humorists." They are the men who write poetic effusions on window glass, on plastered walls, and on public monu-ments. An opportunity for friendly and unconventional chat over a telephone wire with a young woman could not be let go, and as a cousequence of this the telephone business was delayed and there were many and repeated causes for complaint. The matter was finally brought to

for complaint. The matter was finally brought to the notice of the managers and a stop was put to what was an abuse. So the humorists of other days, not so long ago, either, have been compelled to forego the pleasure of a friendly chat with a "hallo girl," and if it could have been any pleasure for an intelligent "hallo girl" to have a chat with a self-designated "humorist" that pleasure has gone, too.

There are more than 30,000 miles of underground telephone wires in New York, and there are more than 7,500 telephone subscribers. A telephone switch-board is one of the most eighorate mechanical devices known to human ingenity, and, with all furnishings, fixings, and connections, represents a total cost of nearly half a million dellars. The telephone business of New York has increased vastly of late years, but it has not increased more than it has been improved in the public convenience. There are now nearly a million telephones in use in the United States, and the total miles of telephone wires exceed 450,000.

RUN DOWN BY A CABLE CAR. A Woman Sustains an Injury to the Brain

Lanita Applegate, 27 years old, of 22 West Sixty-first street, was knocked down by a cable car of the Broadway line, south bound, at Twenty-eighth street yesterday morning. She was taken up insensible and removed to the New York Hospital, where it was said that the New York Hospital, where it was said that she was suffering from an injury to the brain. The woman was crossing the track from the east side of the street when she was struck. Andrew Leddy, the gribman, was arrested.

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